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Group Art Unit: 2643  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Masaki Katayama, et al.

Application No.: 09/593,866

Group Art Unit: 2643

Filed: June 14, 2000

Examiner: L. Lao

For: AN AUDIO SYSTEM CONDUCTING  
DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING, A  
CONTROL METHOD THEREOF, A  
RECORDING MEDIA ON WHICH THE  
CONTROL METHOD IS RECORDED

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed January 20, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

☐ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	28	- 28* =	0	x 18	\$0
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TOTAL					\$0

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**CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.